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Good Roads of Northern Missouri.

We have had the pleasure of touring a number of counties in Northwest Missouri in an automobile recently, and for good dirt roads, we believe that this part of Missouri would compare most favorably with any other section of America. The much talked of King road drag has had a great deal to do with the condition of the roads in Northern Missouri. This certainly is a very strong argument for the use of road drags wherever dirt roads are depended upon.

We passed over stretches of roads which for miles and miles were as smooth and beautiful as a pike. Such roads, of course, had been dragged for some time and had been brought up to a very high condition. One drawback in this section is the culverts and bridges. For some cause or other the culverts and bridges have been shamefully neglected. No road is entirely satisfactory, however good, if it is full of rotten and broken culverts and bridges.

It is true that the dragged road will soften considerably after a hard rain and the soil in Northern Missouri is of such a nature that it is especially susceptible to moisture and will cut up some after a rain at any season of the year. But the advantage of the dragged road is that, the surface being in proper shape, no water stands on the road at all, and an hour and a half of sunshine will almost dry up the mud, and after a half day there is no trouble at all. The dragging is usually done after a shower, and it is easy to keep the roads in good condition.

Considering the satisfaction and the untold value of good roads, there is no excuse for any section in the United States to have quagmires or mud holes or other serious defects in its roads. If gravel is not available, the road bed can be properly graded with a road grader, and the use of the drag one season will perfect as handsome a stretch of road, in dry times, as any gravel pike could be. Farm and Stock.

Paroling Federal Prisoners.

Another decisive step in the progress of the nation will have been taken when the recently created law for paroling Federal prisoners is put into effect.

The news dispatches convey the information that Superintendent of Prisons Ladow is soon to visit the larger Federal prisons, his purpose being to establish the new law upon an active basis.

In connection with this announcement there is printed the information that already half the states have laws providing for the paroling of prisoners, and that the records show that only five per cent of paroled prisoners have failed to appreciate the clemency shown them by keeping faith with the prison officials.

This, undoubtedly, is an excellent showing, fully justifying the wisdom of those who first planned to put offenders upon a basis where they might prove themselves to be possessed of reliability and honor, despite their positions as enemies to society.

The human race has so greatly advanced in the practice of ethics that there is no danger any reputable defense of the theory that offenders must be punished by means which humiliate and degrade. The theory that men who are at outs with the law are merely delinquent, and that it is the duty of society to strengthen and enlighten them as far as possible, is steadily gaining ground.

Those states which have successfully put into practice the system of paroling prisoners, and have proved the efficacy of the system, have aided greatly in the effort which all wise and good people are making to bring about a greater degree of brotherliness among men; and the action of the Nation in adopting a state plan that has succeeded should be accepted as another real forward movement in the world's progress.

John Abele was attending to business in St. Joseph, this week.

Charles Patterson returned this week from a business trip to Platte City.

Charles A. Patterson has returned home, after a visit of several days with his brother, George and family, in Excelsior Springs, this state.

OFFICIAL RETURNS

Primary Election, Holt County, Missouri, Held Tuesday, August 2, 1910.

	Lewis, E.	Lewis, W.	Nodaway	Forest	Forbes	Bigelow	Minton	Lincoln	Clay	Hickory	Liberty	N. Benton	S. Benton	N. Union	S. Union	Total	Plurality
Republican Vote, 1908.	207	209	146	197	175	65	83	79	232	136	135	234	166	81	101	2246	
Republican Vote, 1906.	184	183	131	183	141	72	80	82	242	134	109	257	157	84	102	2141	
Democratic Vote, 1908.	48	92	45	125	70	107	119	80	136	81	135	189	126	151	90	1505	
Democratic Vote, 1906.	41	61	29	103	53	88	72	77	117	64	106	113	80	125	74	1201	
Supreme Judge:																	
Jno. C. Brown, R.	138	144	85	107	97	50	43	76	182	83	74	177	111	44	53	1464	
Jas. B. Gantt, D.	28	32	14	45	17	42	41	28	63	24	25	76	48	52	25	556	
Julus C. Hughes, Pro.																	
Jno. F. Williams, Soc.																	
Total																	
For Congress:																	
Chas. F. Booher, D.	23	37	11	35	16	38	35	26	38	21	22	50	29	30	18	423	
M. G. Moran, D.																	
Wm. E. Spratt, D.																	
Edward D. Wilcox, Soc.																	
Total																	
Circuit Judge:																	
Wm. H. Crawford, R.	135	143	85	107	97	50	43	74	179	83	74	175	111	44	52	1453	
Wm. C. Ellison, D.	24	32	14	45	17	42	40	28	61	24	25	75	48	50	24	547	
Total																	
Representative:																	
H. B. Lawrence, R.	135	143	85	107	97	50	43	74	181	84	74	176	111	43	52	1453	
R. C. Benton, D.	24	32	14	45	17	42	40	28	64	23	25	73	42	49	25	542	
Total																	
Presiding Judge:																	
Henry E. Wright, R.	135	142	85	107	97	50	43	74	180	81	73	174	111	43	52	1448	
Total																	
County Judge 1st Dist:																	
Philip Schlotzhauer, R.	138	143	85	106	97	50	43									662	
Total																	
County Judge 2d Dist:																	
F. J. Gaskill, R.								74	179	84	74	176	111	43	52	793	
Wm. C. Andes, D.								28	63	24	25	76	48	23	24	287	
Total																	
Probate Judge:																	
D. W. Porter, R.	58	73	39	79	43	43	20	53	112	48	52	91	33	32	37	813	
Geo. C. Price	77	61	39	23	45	5	16	16	56	35	19	81	73	11	12	569	
Total																	
Circuit Clerk:																	
Fred W. Cook	115	120	70	38	70	14	11	28	57	37	17	11	4	19	37	648	
Ed. A. Dunham, R.	20	16	13	60	19	35	32	39	114	45	55	164	105	23	13	753	
Total																	
County Clerk:																	
Chas. W. Lukens, R.	44	44	46	47	53	32	18	24	109	53	42	75	42	23	30	682	
F. L. Zeller, R.	91	96	39	56	39	15	24	41	62	31	32	86	62	20	21	715	
Harry W. Robinson, D.	24	32	14	44	17	42	40	28	63	24	25	73	48	50	25	549	
Total																	
Recorder of Deeds:																	
Chas. N. Dobyns, R.	2	9		19	1	10	8	74	2	2	17	34	25	17	31	252	
John M. Hibbard, R.	65	62	78	22	65	3	12	27	37	13	33	15	5	7	8	446	
S. S. Meadows, R.	9	7		45	13	24	15	130	23	35	80	45	7	7	7	440	
Jno. Speer, R.	62	59	7	17	16	9	7	1	9	20	7	18	20	14	7	273	
I. W. Haigler, D.	24	31	14	45	17	42	40	28	62	24	25	76	48	51	25	562	
Total																	
Collector of Revenue:																	
Claud Clark, R.	9	2	10	54	34	39	35	17	86	42	62	141	87	39	31	688	
Wm. M. Morris, R.	27	17	4	1	7	3		1	12	2	4	25	6	1	2	112	
Wm. C. Pearson, R.	2	5	5	14	8	3	5	49	43	4	3	4	1	2	10	155	
Geo. E. Seeman, R.	48	53	35	35	38	3	3	6	12	28	2	4	8	1	5	281	
Nick Stock, R.	42	57	27	2	9	0		1	9	3			2	2	1	153	
Howard Teare, D.	24	31	13	44	17	41	38	28	64	24	25	74	48	52	25	546	
Total																	

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BASEBALL

JAMES ROSTOCK, EDITOR.

Oregon Takes the Second.

Oregon made it two straight by taking the second game from Clarksdale, August 2, by a score of 5-0. It was a clean game throughout, no wrangling being done on either side.

Both sides put up good ball at different times, although a good many errors and wild throws were made. Most of Oregon's runs were made from wild throws by the pitcher, he being a little wild at times. Roberts for Oregon carried off the pitching honors by striking out thirteen and allowing but five scattered hits. The fielding honor was carried off by P. Warrick, who pulled off a sensational one-hand catch of Markland's foul in the second.

The tabular score:

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Clarksdale	3	0	1	0	0	0
J. Wren, cf.	3	0	1	5	3	0
P. Warrick, 3b	4	0	1	2	1	0
Riley, 2b & c.	4	0	1	2	1	0
B. Crawford, ss	4	0	0	2	5	3
& 2b	4	0	0	12	0	0
F. Wren, 1b	4	0	0	12	0	0
D. Crawford, c	4	0	0	1	1	0
& ss	4	0	2	1	0	0
Spooks, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
R. Warrick, lf	3	0	0	0	12	2
Miller, p.	3	0	0	0	12	2
Total	33	0	5	24	22	5

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Oregon	3	0	0	13	1	0
Maxwell, c.	3	0	0	2	0	2
Hinde, 3b	4	0	0	0	18	1
Roberts, p.	4	0	1	1	3	0
Strickler, ss	4	0	1	0	0	0
Swan, lf	4	2	2	0	0	1
Out, 1b	3	0	1	1	0	1
Haynes, 2b	4	0	2	1	0	0
Springer, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Markland, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Coe, 2b	0	1	0	0	1	0
Total	33	5	8	27	23	5

Score by innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Clarksdale 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Oregon 0 2 0 1 0 1 0 x 5
Summary: Two-base hit—J. Wren. Double play—Strickler to Hinde. Struck out—by Roberts, 13; Miller, 2. First on base—Roberts 1, Miller 2. Wild pitches—Roberts 1, Miller 3. Hit by pitcher—Miller 1. Umpire—Roberts.

Benton.

—Mrs. Ella Hutton has a new piano.
—W. T. Field shipped a carload of hogs Monday.

—Mrs. Lib McGoon visited Mrs. Clarence Hicks, Thursday.

—Walter Staley visited Ed Evans and family, of Kimsey, Friday.

—Mrs. Wils Kinder, of Shiloh, was visiting her son Wm. Smith recently.

—Miss Avis Murray spent a few days last week with the Misses Caca.

—Miss Nettie Asilock is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ira Hicks in Mound City.

—Joe Vaught and wife were visitors at Mrs. H. C. Wright's one day this week.

—Miss Lula Intermill and niece, were over Sunday, guests of friends in Nickell's Grove.

—Miss Clara Field and cousin, Mr. Merrill, of Marshall, Texas, spent a day with Miss Myrtle Peters.

—We were very thankful for the few sprinkles Monday and Tuesday mornings—it certainly helped.

—Mrs. Kate Corby and daughter, Miss Lizzie, spent the day with Mrs. W. M. Corby one day last week.

—Miss Clara Field returned to her St. Joe home after a visit with her parents and other relatives.

—Miss Annie Frazer returned to her home in Mound City after a several days' visit with her brother, W. M.

—Roberta Emerson, who has been sick from typhoid fever, is around the house once more, though only a shadow of her former self.

—Levi Schulte is having a cement block walk laid in front of his residence.

—Miss Bertha Chappellear, of Monrovia, Kansas, is visiting here, the guest of Thomas Partridge and family and other friends.

Went to Pieces.

Hugh Pennel had a runaway experience on Wednesday of this week that will linger with our young friend until he is gray with age. He was driving his fine bay nag to his buggy and was on Main street, driving toward the south, when the tap to one of the wheels came off at the corner of George F. Seeman's residence lot, and of course the wheel came off. This frightened the horse and away he went at a break-neck speed. When opposite the Simerly barn they turned into the barn and went down the chute into the basement, tearing the buggy and harness to pieces, and strange to say the horse was not injured.

Hugh was badly bruised, but he stayed with the horse until thrown from the buggy, just before he got to the barn. It was simply a miracle that Hugh was not killed. George Derr was with him, but jumped out and escaped without any injury whatever.

Kimsey.

—Mrs. Robert Plummer was on the sick list the latter part of last week, but is somewhat better now.

—Several couple from this vicinity attended the social at Bluff City school house last Friday night.

—John Waggoner and family visited Sunday afternoon at his wife's brother's, Mr. Sam Nowles.

—Mrs. Nye and family spent Sunday with her son, Mr. Frank Casteel.

—The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Kollmer is quite sick at this writing. We understand he has inflammation of the bowels.

—Hazel Casteel has been visiting her little friends in town, this week